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Prior Application: Examiner: G. Del Rosso Art Unit:

Attorney's Docket No.: 69568/105

ADDRESS TO:

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
 Washington, D. C. 20231

This is a request for filing a [X] continuation, [] divisional application under 37 CFR 1.60 of prior application Serial No. 08/325,145, filed on October 20, 1994, entitled X-RAY COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY (CT) SYSTEM FOR DETECTING THIN OBJECTS, by the following named inventor(s): Jeffrey Wayne EBERHARD and Meng-Ling HSIAO.

1. [XX] Attached is a copy of the prior application, which the undersigned verifies is a true copy. (See 7 and 8 for drawing requirements.) (10 pages of specification, abstract, 20 claims, 5 sheets of drawings, copy of declaration.)
2. [XX] The filing fee is calculated below. (Small entity fees indicated in parentheses.)

CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION
 LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELLED BY AMENDMENT BELOW

	<u>Number Filed</u>	<u>Number Extra</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Basic Fee \$770 (\$385)</u>
Total Claims	18 - 20	0	x \$22 (x \$11)	0.00
Independent Claims	3 - 3	0	x \$80 (x \$40)	0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims			\$200	0.00
TOTAL FEE				\$770.00

3. [XX] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.
4. [XX] A check in the amount of \$770.00 is enclosed.

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5. [XX] Cancel in this application original Claims 8-11 and 19 of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)
6. [XX] Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the following sentence:

--This application is a [X] continuation, [] division, of application Serial No. 08/325,145, filed October 20, 1994. ^{new} Patent No. 5,712,926.

7. [] Transfer the drawings from the prior application to this application and abandon said prior application as of the filing date accorded this application. A duplicate of this sheet is attached for filing in the prior application file. (May only be used if signed by a person authorized by Rule 138 and before payment of Base Issue Fee.)
8. [XX] New drawings are attached.
- 9a. [] Priority of application Serial No. filed on , in is claimed under 35 USC 119.
- 9b. [] The certified copy of the priority document has been filed in prior application Serial No. _____, filed _____.
10. [] The prior application is assigned of record to:
- 11a. [XX] The power of attorney in the prior application is to: Brian J. McNamara, Reg. No. 32,789, and other members of the firm.
- 11b. [XX] The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.
- 11c. [] Since the Power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is attached.
12. [] Small entity status, based on the verified statement filed in parent application Serial No. _____, filed _____, is claimed under 37 CFR 1.28(a).
13. [XX] A Preliminary Amendment is attached. (Claims added by this amendment have been properly numbered consecutively, beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.)

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14. [XX] Submitted herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement with PTO-1449 form.
15. [XX] Address all further communications to: (May only be completed by applicant, or attorney or agent of record.)

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